

## **Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

### **Listing of claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) An in-vitro blood plasma lipids filtering method, comprising the following steps:

collecting blood from a patient by a blood collecting device;

separating blood plasma from the collected blood by a blood separating device connected to the blood collecting device, wherein the separated blood plasma enters a pre-filtered blood plasma bag which includes an automatic weight or volume detection device for transmitting a signal that triggers a stop response to the blood separating device or the blood collecting device when the pre-filtered blood plasma bag is full;

~~carrying out~~ flushing a blood plasma lipids filtering device connected to the pressure control device with saline solution from a saline solution treatment bag connected to an outlet of the pre-filtered blood plasma bag, wherein the flushed saline solution from the blood plasma lipids filtering device flows into a waste saline solution bag connected to the blood plasma lipids filtering device;

~~controlling temperature and~~ pressure of the separated blood plasma from the pre-filtered blood plasma bag by a pressure control device connected to the pre-filtered blood plasma bag;

~~passing the separated blood plasma to~~ through the blood plasma lipids filtering device for filtering out lipids of the separated blood plasma, wherein the blood plasma lipids filtering device comprises multi-layers of thin film membranes of which at least a first film is a membrane having filter aperture pores of about 0.3 to 0.65 microns and comprises a lipid absorptive material for filtering out lipids of the separated blood

plasma, a second film is a membrane that has filter aperture pores of about 0.3 microns for filtering out bacterium and chyle-lipoprotein, and a third film is a membrane that has filter aperture pore of about 0.2 microns and comprises nylon as a base material for filtering out foreign particles generated from the first and second filtering processes, wherein the foreign particles include thin film wood-pulp material or adsorptive particles; and  
collecting the filtered blood plasma by a post-filtered blood plasma bag connected to the blood plasma lipids filtering device;  
controlling the temperature of the filtered blood plasma from the post-filtered blood plasma bag by a temperature control device connected to the post-filtered blood plasma bag; and  
feeding the filtered blood plasma back to the blood of the patient by a blood plasma feedback device connected to the temperature control device~~after the filtering step.~~

2. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in Claim **1**, wherein the separating step comprises a stepwise separation process for separating the collected blood plasma from the blood collecting device at about 150-250 milliliters of the blood plasma each time.

3. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in Claim **1**, wherein the separated blood plasma passes to the blood plasma lipids filtering device at a speed of 20-30 milliliters per minute, and the speed is controlled by a peristaltic pump connected to the pre-filtered blood plasma bag and the pressure control device.

4. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in Claim **1**, wherein in the blood plasma lipids filtering device, the pressure is controlled below 60KPa by the pressure control device.

5. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in Claim **1** further comprising a step of ~~making~~ controlling the temperature of the filtered blood plasma from the post-filtered blood plasma bag approximately equal to body temperature by the temperature control device.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in Claim **61**, wherein at least one additional first film ~~of multi layers of thin film membranes~~ is further interposed between the second and third

films.

8. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in Claim ~~6~~1 or 7, wherein the lipid absorptive material of the first film comprises silicon oxide pellets.

9. (Currently Amended) An in-vitro blood plasma lipids filtering ~~device—apparatus~~ comprising:

a blood collecting device, ~~adapted to~~ for collecting blood from a patient;

a blood separating device ~~that~~ connected to the blood collecting device for separating the blood plasma from the blood collected by the blood collecting device by centrifugal separation;

a pre-filtered blood plasma bag connected to the blood separating device ~~that has an outlet connected to the saline solution treatment bag~~ and containing—including an automatic weight/or volume detection device for transmitting a signal that triggers a stop response to the blood separating device ~~and/or~~ the blood collecting device when the pre-filtered blood plasma bag is full;

a peristaltic pump connected to the pre-filtered blood plasma bag for producing flowing power for the separated blood plasma;

a pressure control device connected to the peristaltic pump for controlling the pressure of the separated blood plasma by adjusting the rotational speed of the peristaltic pump;

a blood lipids filtering device connected to the pressure control device for ~~that~~ receives the separated blood plasma and filtering out lipids of the separated blood plasma—and further comprising a saline solution treatment bag and a waste saline solution bag, wherein the blood plasma lipids filtering device comprises multi-layers of thin film membranes of which at least a first film is a membrane having filter aperture pores of about 0.3 to 0.65 microns and comprises a lipid absorptive material for filtering out lipids of the separated blood plasma, a second film is a membrane that has filter aperture pores of about 0.3 microns for filtering out bacterium and chyle-lipoprotein, and a third film is a membrane that has filter aperture pore of about 0.2 microns and comprises

nylon as a base material for filtering out foreign particles generated from the first and second filtering processes, wherein the foreign particles include thin film wood-pulp material or adsorptive particles;

a post-filtered blood plasma bag connected to the blood plasma lipids filtering device for collecting the filtered blood plasma;~~and~~

a temperature control device connected to the post-filtered blood plasma bag for controlling the temperature of the filtered blood plasma from the post-filtered blood plasma bag; and

a blood plasma feedback device,~~which is connected via tubes to a peristaltic pump, pressure and the temperature control devices being installed among the tubes~~ for feeding the filtered blood plasma back into the blood of the patient;;

the in-vitro blood plasma lipids filtering ~~device~~ apparatus further comprising:

a saline solution treatment bag connected to an outlet of the pre-filtered blood plasma bag for providing saline solution to flush the blood plasma lipids filtering device before the blood lipids filtering device filters out lipids of the separated blood plasma; and

a waste saline solution bag,~~wherein the saline solution treatment bag being connected to an outlet of the pre-filtered blood plasma bag, and the waste saline solution bag being connected to an entrance-inlet of the post-filtered blood plasma bag for collecting the flushed saline solution from the blood plasma lipids filtering device during flushing the blood plasma lipids filtering device.~~

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) The in-vitro blood plasma lipids filtering ~~device~~ apparatus as claimed in Claim 9, wherein the pre-filtered blood plasma bag has a volume of about 150-250 milliliters.

12. (Currently Amended) The in-vitro blood plasma lipids filtering ~~device~~ apparatus as claimed in Claim 9, wherein the pressure control device indicates a current pressure value ~~inside the tube~~ and can control the rotational speed of the peristaltic pump.

13. (Currently Amended) The in-vitro blood plasma lipids filtering ~~device~~ apparatus as

claimed in Claim **9**, wherein the peristaltic pump is controlled to have ~~a~~the rotational speed that induces a flow rate of the separated blood plasma at about 20-30 milliliters every minute.

14. (Currently Amended) The in-vitro blood plasma lipids filtering ~~device~~apparatus as claimed in Claim **9**, wherein the pressure control device controls the pressure to be below 60KPa.

15. (Currently Amended) The in-vitro blood plasma lipids filtering ~~device~~apparatus as claimed in Claim **9**, wherein the temperature control device is ~~installed in the screening procedure~~used to maintain a constant temperature of the blood plasma.

16. (Currently Amended) The in-vitro blood plasma lipids filtering ~~device~~apparatus as claimed in Claim **9**, wherein the temperature control device is operable to have a highest heating temperature at 38°C.

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Currently Amended) The in-vitro blood plasma lipids filtering ~~device~~apparatus as claimed in Claim **179**, wherein at least one additional first film ~~of a multi-layers of thin film membranes~~ is further interposed between the second and third films.

19. (Currently Amended) The in-vitro blood plasma liquids filtering ~~device~~apparatus as claimed in Claim **179** or **18**, wherein the lipid absorptive material of the first film comprises silicon oxide pellets.